

AMENDMENT

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application with the following Listing of Claims.

Listing of Claims

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for monitoring hardware information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, comprising:

invoking a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type,

remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with the first network device based on the first location directive, the hardware information including information of one or more hardware characteristics; and

dynamically presenting the real-time information through a display, the display including a first and a second window, the first window including a hierarchical tree structure of user-selectable hardware characteristics, the second window including a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected by a user in the hierarchical tree structure of the first window.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 254, the hardware information comprising chassis component information.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 254, each hardware characteristic selected from the group consisting of:

memory usage;
chassis temperature;
Central Processing Unit (CPU) usage;
fan status;
module card status; and
power supply status.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 254, further comprising selecting a second location directive of the flexible configuration file to retrieve hardware information associated with a second of the network devices.

6. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
polling the particular network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file comprising an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic;
receiving updated hardware information associated with the network device at each associated polling interval; and
dynamically displaying the updated hardware information.

7. **(Canceled)**

8. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 254, the interactive display comprising a first and a second window, the first window comprising a hierarchical tree structure of hardware characteristics, the second window comprising a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected in the hierarchical tree structure.

9. **(Currently Amended)** Software for monitoring hardware information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, the software comprising computer-readable instructions operable to:

invoke a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type;

remotely retrieve real-time hardware information associated with the first network device based on the first location directive, the hardware information including information of one or more hardware characteristics; and

dynamically present the real-time information through a display;

poll the particular network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file including an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic;

receive updated hardware information associated with the network device at each associated polling interval; and

dynamically display the updated hardware information.

10. **(Canceled)**

11. **(Original)** The software of Claim 9, the hardware information comprising chassis component information.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 9, each hardware characteristic selected from the group consisting of:

memory usage;

chassis temperature;

CPU usage;

fan status;

module card status; and

power supply status.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 9, further operable to select a second location directive of the flexible configuration file to retrieve hardware information associated with a second of the network devices.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The software of Claim 1 9, wherein the hardware information includes chassis component information further operable to:

~~poll the particular network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file comprising an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic;~~

~~receive updated hardware information associated with the network device at each associated polling interval; and~~

~~dynamically display the updated hardware information.~~

15. **(Cancelled)**

16. **(Original)** The software of Claim 9, the interactive display comprising a first and a second window, the first window comprising a hierarchical tree structure of hardware characteristics, the second window comprising a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected in the hierarchical tree structure.

17. **(Currently Amended)** A system for monitoring information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, comprising:

memory storing a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a plurality of location directives, each directive associated with a MIB parameter for one of the network devices; and

one or more processors collectively operable to:

invoke a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network

device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type,

remotely retrieve real-time hardware information associated with the first network device based on the first location directive, the hardware information including information of one or more hardware characteristics; and

dynamically present the real-time information through a display;

poll the particular network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file including an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic;

receive updated hardware information associated with the network device at each associated polling interval; and

dynamically display the updated hardware information.

18. **(Canceled)**

19. **(Original)** The system of Claim 17, the hardware information comprising chassis component information.

20. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 17, each hardware characteristic selected from the group consisting of:

memory usage;

chassis temperature;

CPU usage;

fan status;

module card status; and

power supply status.

21. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 17, the processors further operable to select a second location directive of the flexible configuration file to retrieve hardware information associated with a second of the network devices.

22. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 147, each hardware characteristic selected from the group consisting of:

memory usage;

chassis temperature;

CPU usage;

fan status;

module card status; and

power supply status ~~the processors further operable to:~~

~~poll the particular network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file comprising an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic;~~

~~receive updated hardware information associated with the network device at each associated polling interval; and~~

~~dynamically display the updated hardware information.~~

23. **(Canceled)**

24. **(Original)** The system of Claim 17, the interactive display comprising a first and a second window, the first window comprising a hierarchical tree structure of hardware characteristics, the second window comprising a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected in the hierarchical tree structure.

25. **(Previously Presented)** A method for monitoring hardware information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, comprising:

invoking a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network

device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type,

- remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with the first network device based on the first location directive, the hardware information including information of one or more hardware characteristics;

- remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with the second network device based on the second location directive, the hardware information including information of one or more hardware characteristics,

- dynamically displaying the information through an interactive display;

- polling the first network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file comprising an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic retrieved;

- receiving updated hardware information associated with the first network device at each associated polling interval; and

- dynamically displaying the updated hardware information.